

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) dated as mailed on December 9, 2003, regarding applicant's amendment document filed on October 30, 2003. In applicant's amendment document filed on October 30, 2003, claim 25 lacked a status identifier. The entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's amendment document filed on October 30, 2003 is re-submitted with the appropriate status identifier inserted for claim 25.

CONCLUSION

In the event the examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact the attorney at the telephone number identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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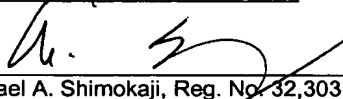
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